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## Color Issue To Be Sermon Topic Here On Sunday

Dr. F. D. Adams Will Discuss Question Argued In Detroit

Farmington is to hear on Sunday a discussion of the church color line which caused an upheaval in Detroit during the past week. The speaker on the subject will be one who came forward and expressed his opinion during the Detroit argument.

Rev. Frank D. Adams, pastor of the First Universalist Church in Detroit and of Farmington Universalist Church, will preach Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Farmington church on "Shall We Let the Negro In?"

Dr. Adams was one of the three or four pastors willing to express an opinion on the subject for publication. Some prominent ministers were reported as "emphatic" in their refusal to be quoted.

Dr. Adams' statement on the question, which arose when Rev. Adolph J. Helm resigned from Bethel Evangelical Church in protest against the church council's refusing to admit two Negroes to membership in the Christmas class, was as follows:

"I quit in the course of any ministry who insists that Christianity means brotherhood, if it means anything, and is ready to back up his convictions by withdrawing from the service of any church that repudiates it. Mr. Helm has taken the only logical course under the circumstances. My own belief is that Negroes are not hazy in churches or other social groups made up predominantly of white people, and, as a matter of present expediency, it would be better for them to seek association with those of their own race; but I advocate this only on the grounds of expediency. As an absolute principle of Christian practice, there can be only one answer.

"The Christian religion is founded upon the doctrine of human equality, regardless of race or color. For any Christian church to deny membership to a Negro is to make a cynical denial of that doctrine. If I were placed in such a position as that of Mr. Helm, I would do precisely what he has done."

## NEW BANK MONEY ORDER ADOPTED BY LOCAL BANKS

Complete Protection At Lower Cost Provided; Receipt Given Purchaser

Consistent with the policy of affording every convenience and modern banking service, Edgar S. Pierce, cashier of the Farmington State Savings Bank, and John Fitzpatrick, cashier of the Peoples State Bank, announce that they have adopted the new Protect bank money order, which has a similar method of protection to that used by the postal department.

The small fee is less than that charged for other forms of money orders.

The purchaser receives a receipt showing the date, amount and to whom payable; thus retaining a complete record of the transaction.

About 15 relatives and friends helped celebrate the third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manzel, Farmington, on Saturday evening. Bruno was the diversion of the evening, followed by refreshments and a luncheon.

Colledge used to weigh his words. Now he counts 'em.—Leesburg (Fla.) Commercial.

## New Officers of Farmington Masonic Lodge



Above are shown the new leaders of Farmington Masonic Lodge, who will be installed Monday evening, December 23. Left to right, Howard Bond, junior warden; A. L. Ross, worshipful master; Joseph Himmelspach senior warden

## A. L. Ross Chosen Head Of Masons

Public Installation Of Officers To Be Held December 23; Newton Coming

Newly-elected officers of Farmington Masonic Lodge will be installed at a public installation of officers on Monday night, December 23, at a gathering which will include Past Grand Master F. Homer Newton of Pontiac.

The officers were chosen by the Lodge Monday night. A. L. Ross, senior warden during the past year, was advanced to the highest office in the lodge, that of worshipful master, by unanimous vote.

Joseph Himmelspach, junior warden, was elected senior warden, and Howard Bond, senior deacon during the past year, was named junior warden. Harry S. Wolfe was elected senior deacon and Carl Pettibone, junior deacon.

By unanimous votes, James L. Hogle was re-elected secretary and John Thayer treasurer of the Lodge. Both have served in these offices for a number of years.

After the election, Mr. Ross announced the appointment of Nathan H. Power as chaplain, Harley Morris as senior steward and Harold McCracken as junior steward.

The treasurer's annual report read by Mr. Thayer showed the Lodge to be in excellent financial condition.

Past Grand Master Newton will act as installing officer at the installation ceremonies. A number of past masters are expected to occupy other chairs.

## MRS. DELLA PRATT OF WALLEE LAKE DIES AT AGE OF 80

Old Resident Passes Away; Funeral To Be Held Friday Afternoon

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Mrs. Della Pratt of Walle Lake, who died at her home Tuesday. She was 80 years old.

Mrs. Pratt is survived by one son, Fred of Walle Lake. Burial will take place in the Novi Cemetery.

Spencer J. Heeney, Farmington undertaker, will be in charge of funeral services.

## AT INSTITUTE LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pettibone, R. N. Crozman and E. N. Roos of Farmington attended the opening luncheon of the Institute of World Affairs at Hotel Staton, Detroit, Wednesday noon. Mrs. Pettibone is the Farmington Woman's Club delegate to the Institute. Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, formerly of Farmington, also attended.

BUY GARNETT AGENT W. G. Jubb, for years connected with the Olin Russell Ford agency at Farmington, has purchased the Ford Agency at Garnett operated by R. C. Soldan. Mr. Jubb left Monday and expects to have his family settled there soon. Mr. Soldan is also a former Farmington resident.

## New Store Will Open Next Week

Atlantic And Pacific Tea Co. To Employ Eleven Clerks In Farmington Store

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.'s new Farmington store on Grand River avenue will be opened for business next Wednesday morning. A combination grocery and meat store, it will employ eleven salespeople, in addition to the manager, A. C. Stokes.

The store will be open for inspection Tuesday night. The public is invited to visit the new store and inspect its facilities. Nothing will be sold that evening.

Walter D. Hoffmeyer of Detroit has been selected to manage the meat department, where three men will be employed. Mr. Hoffmeyer will have two assistants, and is endeavoring to secure local men for his department. Two Farmington residents have been added to the grocery department, Miss Helen Kreager and Theron Pauline.

The store, occupying a space 40x100, is said to be not only one of the A. and P. Co.'s largest but also one of its finest in the State.

## MOTORIST ROBBED OF CASH AND CAR BY ARMED THRO

Bandits Take Command When Driver Stops At Signal; Car Stolen By Holdup Men

Three bandits took a motorist for a ride along lonely roads in this section last Friday night and while the result was not as serious as those of the "rides" on which racketeers are taken, it ended in the loss of the motorist's car and \$5.00 in cash.

Harry Abbott, 24500 Abbott street, Detroit, reported to Deputy William Tamm that he was robbed of his car and money at Switzer and 11-Mile roads, after he had driven there at the robbers' command. They leaped in to his car, he said, as he stopped for the signal at Seven Mile and Redford roads, and ordered him to drive north. At the Eight Mile road he turned west at their direction, then at Middle Belt road turned north again. At Eleven Mile road they rifled his pockets and ordered him out, while they drove away.

Abbott went to a nearby farmhouse and called help from there. He gave Deputy Tamm a description of the bandits.

## Mrs. Mary Price Pays Visit To Enterprise

The Enterprise was pleasantly surprised Tuesday with a visit of Mrs. Mary E. Price, who with her son, Jack Price, formerly published Farmington's newspaper fifteen years ago.

Mrs. Price now resides in Sterling, Colo., and spent three days here with Mrs. Adolph Necker, a former neighbor. She has been visiting her son, who is now living in Holly, and will return soon to Colorado.

Try an Enterprise Limer. Send in your local items.

## County Eastern Star Leaders To Honor President

Matrons and Patrons To Gather In Farmington Next Tuesday

One of the most notable meetings in the history of Farmington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, is planned for next Tuesday evening, December 17, when State and County officers of the order will be entertained at Farmington. The event is being planned in honor of Mrs. Ada Bond, president of the Oakland County Chapter, and secretary of Farmington chapter.

Worthy matrons and patrons of each chapter in the County are expected to be present at the dinner. They will also occupy the various chairs of the chapter at initiatory work to follow. There are 19 chapters in the County, and with other members accompanying the matrons and patrons Farmington chapter will probably be host to a large gathering of outside members.

The dinner in the Chapter dining-hall will be open to the public as well as to members of the Chapter. It will be at 6:30 p. m. Initiatory work will start as soon as practicable after the dinner.

Plans for the occasion are being completed by Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, worthy matron.

Mrs. Bond is the first Farmington woman to hold the presidency of the County chapter.

Plan New Year's Party: Farmington Chapter is also planning a New Year's Eve party, to be held in Farmington Town Hall. Invitations will be sent out soon by the committee in charge. A number of unusual features are planned.

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED BY MR. AND MRS. ELY

Anniversary Celebration At Redford Attended By Entire Family Of 23 Members

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely, lifelong residents of Farmington, are receiving congratulations on reaching the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. A celebration in honor of the occasion was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hogle of Redford.

With the exception of Charles Ely of Northville, who is attending school at Big Rapids, the entire family of 23 members were present.

The dinner table had for a centerpiece a huge basket of gold chrysanthemums flanked at either end with clusters of yellow tapers. Each place card revealed a stanza of poetry appropriate to the individual. Beginning with the bride of 50 years, each read his or her own and lighted a tiny candle at the plate. This completed a circle of golden flames about the table.

A mock wedding ceremony was part of the program in which the grandchildren assisted. Mrs. Harold Bloom of Northville played the Mendelssohn wedding march. June Johnson sang, "I Love You Truly" and Ruth Melow, Alice Mae Bickling, Ivan Ely and Gordon Hogle accompanied the bride and groom. Clarence Bickling acted as preacher. Little Christine Bickling carried gifts on a large yellow rose.

Music and singing was enjoyed during the evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely, Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ely and son Irwin of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. John Melow and daughter Ruth of Sarnett, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson and daughter June, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling and daughter Alma Mae and wife of Redford; Mrs. Mrs. Harold Bloom; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hogle and son Gordon of Redford; Mr. and Mrs. James Hogle of Farmington, parents of Ralph Hogle, Mr. Charles Johnson of Detroit, mother of Harrison Johnson, Mrs. James Gilchrist of Sylvan Lake, mother of Clarence Bickling and Mrs. Jessie Lee of Farmington.

## Deputies Move To Booth At Junction

Farmington deputy sheriffs moved on Monday of this week to their new headquarters in a booth just east of Farmington Junction. The booth has not yet been completely furnished, but will be soon.

The telephone number of the County booth has been changed. It is now Phone No. 7.

## Admits Assault, Put On Probation

Paul Killen Shown Leniency After Admitting Attack On William Fox

Pleading guilty before Justice John J. Schulte, Jr., of Farmington to assault Paul Killen, 19 off Clarenceville, was put on 90 days probation Tuesday afternoon.

Killen was arrested by Constable Mari Pettibone after an attack on William Fox, a Redford justice of the peace, on Saturday evening, November 30, near the Oddfellows' Hall in Clarenceville. Several companions of Killen were not arrested.

Killen's plea of guilty came after a conference between Judge Schulte, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Gilotte and Killen. The defendant was not represented by counsel.

Fox appeared at the court-room ready to testify. His right eye showed the effects of the assault. The need of Killen's family for his aid was understood to be the reason for leniency of the court.

## 1929 COUNTY ROAD REPORT AND MAP ISSUED THIS WEEK

Grand River Again Second In Traffic Census; Ten and Nine Listed For Paving

The 1929 year-book of the Oakland County Road Commission was issued this week, with the 1929 road maps, and copies of both are now available at the Enterprise office.

The 1929 report shows that Grand River avenue in Farmington continues second in volume of traffic, only Woodward avenue surpassing it. A 24-hour census taken on a Sunday in August showed a total of 20,645 vehicles passing through Farmington in that period, or an average of nearly 1,000 an hour. Over 300 of these were trucks.

The report includes in the proposed concrete construction work for 1930, extension of the Ten Mile road along Shawwassee street, and of the Nine Mile road west of Grand River avenue, east of Farmington Junction.

There are now 369 miles of concrete road in the County and 374 miles of gravel road. All new work during the past year has been done under the Covert plan, according to the report.

Road Commissioner Isaac Bond has provided a number of books and maps, which may be obtained at the Enterprise without charge.

## YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO JOIN IN SINGING

Any young person between the age of 7 and 17 is requested to be present at the M. E. Church next Tuesday at 4 p. m. to practice Christmas carols to be sung Christmas eve from 8 to 9:30.

This is under the direction of Miss Gladys Baker and her pupils.

ERECT NEW SIGN The Detroit Edison Company has erected a new sign over the Farmington office. A sign which is placed against the face of the building replaced the old sign hung over the sidewalk for years. The new sign is of bronze finish back and tubular enamel letters.

## Township Taxes Collected In 3 Days Set Record

More Than \$5,000 Received By Treasurer Through New System; City Bills Mailled

The good results of the new system of tax statements and receipts adopted this year by Farmington Township, have already become apparent, according to Elmer A. Emson, Township Treasurer. Although tax collection was begun only on Tuesday, a total of more than \$5,000 has already been collected.

This is by far the largest amount of taxes ever collected in the first three days, according to Township officials. It exceeds the total usually collected in previous years during the first week of collection.

The result has been a pleasant surprise to the Township officials who anticipated many benefits from the system, but did not look for so great an amount of money returned so quickly by taxpayers.

The first statements were mailed Saturday Mr. Emson stated, and checks began to come in Monday. Scores of checks have been received by mail within the last three days.

While requiring a great deal of additional work of the present officials, those in future years will benefit immensely by the new method, it is pointed out. For the first time, there will be a method of recording changes of address of property-owners. When statements are returned with corrected address now the correct address is noted on the office copy of the statement. These will be filed by property locations, and a great number of incorrect addressings will be avoided next year. Taxpayers are also saved the bother of writing when they wish to know specific items of their taxes.

City Bills Go Out City tax bills have been mailed by Treasurer George Gildemeister. The same system adopted by the Township is being used, and each taxpayer gets an itemized statement of his tax. Mr. Gildemeister will begin to receive taxes next Monday at the Peoples State Bank.

Mr. Emson is collecting taxes this week at the Farmington State Savings Bank, and will be at the Peoples State Bank next week.

City and Township taxpayers find their bills larger this year, due to increases in the State and County taxes.

## L. OLDENBURG IS ELECTED WALLEE LAKE LODGE HEAD

Installation Is Planned For Next Tuesday Evening, Dec. 17th

The annual meeting of Walle Lake lodge No. 328, F. & A. M., was held Wednesday evening, December 4th.

The following officers were elected: W. M., Louis Oldenburg. S. W., W. S. Wixom. J. W., J. Hoyt Wilson. Secretary, Charles Stuart. Treasurer, Ira Carnes. S. D., Tompkins Parks. J. D., Harold Rucker. Tyler, John Hess.

The officers elected will be installed at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, December 17, at 8:00. All members, their ladies and friends are invited. Refreshments and cards after the ceremonies.

A special meeting of Walle Lake, Lodges No. 528 F. & A. M. will be held Wednesday evening, December 11 at 8 p. m. The E. A. degree will be conferred. The members of Commerce and Millford, Masonic lodges are invited. Lunch will be served after the work is completed.

One great difference between art exhibitions and dances is that the paintings at art exhibitions don't dance.—Kay Features.